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Drinking water-supply schemes for villages.

* 177 Q.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the total amount promised by the Central Government to Madras State to aid the Local Development Works for promoting drinking water-supply schemes for villages?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Rupees 29·7 lakhs, Sir."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know when this amount will be made available to the State? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is available and works are going on."

Acquisition of lands by the Director of Harijan Welfare for house-sites.

* 178 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of land acquired by the Director of Harijan Welfare for purposes of house-sites in the year 1952–53;

(*b*) the number of families provided with house-sites; and

(*c*) the number of applications for house-sites not granted?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Acres 440, cents 38.

" (*b*) 6,781.

" (*c*) 75."

Construction of bunds for Bavuvalappil Chal and Pakrinta Chal at Matool, North Malabar.

* 179 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state— 11-50 a.m.

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have prepared a scheme to construct bunds for Bavuvalappil Chal and Pakrinta Chal at Matool, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, for the purpose of preventing the entry of salt water and for purposes of irrigation; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government to implement the schemes?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The schemes are under consideration in connexion with the co-ordinated development of Maduyi area in Chirakkal taluk and under the Special Minor Irrigation Programme.

" (*b*) Detailed plans and estimates in respect of the schemes are under preparation."